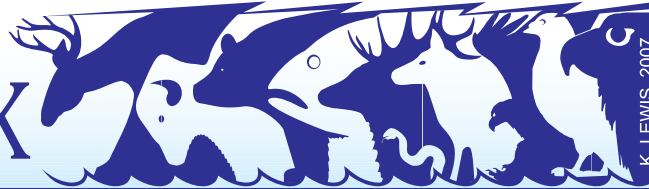


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Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker addresses tourism leaders

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Nearly 1,000 people, including representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation, attended the **Annual Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism- WIGCOT**, held March 6-8 at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells.

Throughout the conference, business owners, state and local offi-

cials and representatives of Wisconsin's Native Nations shared ideas on ways to improve and expand the tourism industry that currently contributes nearly \$12 billion dollars annually to the state's economy.

Prior to Governor Walker's Opening Address, State Tourism Secretary, Steph-

the State of Wisconsin, Klatt stated she is happy for the support that Governor Walker has provided. "He understands and supports Wisconsin's second industry," she said, noting that Walker has agreed to increase the Department of Tourism's annual budget. In 2011 the Department has a budget of \$ 9.9 million, a number that will rise to over \$11 million in 2012 and over \$13 million in 2013.

Walker stressed that the tourism industry plays a major part toward satisfying his campaign promise to create 250,000 private sector jobs in the state. He added that "I'm committed to moving in the right direction by placing a focus on jobs and the economy. Secretary Klatt has my full support as together we help spread the word that Wisconsin is Open for Business."

The **Wisconsin Governors' Conference on Tourism** was started over 20 years ago by then Governor Tommy Thompson to create an awareness of the state's tourism industry. Today it serves as an opportunity for those in the industry to share their ideas on how to bring tourism dollars into



Nearly 1,000 people attended the WIGCOT in Wisconsin Dells. Evan Logan and Yvette Alvarez of Ho-Chunk Gaming- Wisconsin Dells greet visitors to the Nation's booth at WIGCOT.

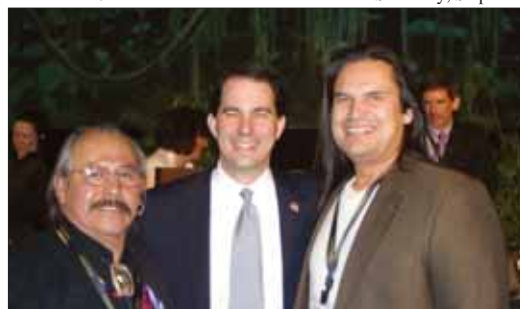
the state.

Walker promised to use the input of tourism industry leaders to help tourism continue to play a vital part of the state's economy. "Tourism provides the best return on investment," he said. He asked those in the industry to take on the challenge of getting their message out of the state.

He believes that the State of Wisconsin has a lot to offer and vowed to give communities and agencies the tools they need to succeed. "We're a state blessed with abundant natural resources,

including 15,000 lakes," he said. "We have limitless potential and the spirit of the people will allow us to capitalize on those resources."

He concluded that although the state's economy is struggling, the potential that tourism offers can uplift the entire state. Noting that the Thompson Administration did a lot of work in promoting tourism as a means of uplifting the state's economy, Walker is confident that history can repeat itself. "We did it a generation ago, we can do it again. I know we can do it."



Governor Scott Walker with Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland and Vice President Dan Brown at the WIGCOT banquet.

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nie Klatt urged those in the industry to work to establish a better relationship with the state's lawmakers. "Tell them what you need and where you want to go," she said. Because part of her mission is to help market

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Social Services exploring a Juvenile Justice Center in Ho-Chunk Country

Culturally orientated facility would serve all Native youth

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Social Services is currently doing the preliminary work and research needed to open a Juvenile Justice Center on tribal property. When open, the Center would help provide culturally orientated support for Native youth facing incarceration or who are troubled by other social issues.

Division Director of Community Supportive Services, Jean Ann Day stated that following the Ho-Chunk Legislature's passage of Resolution 3-03-09N in which the "Ho-Chunk Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority fenders full support for the 2009-2011 Correctional Facilities on Tribal Land Program, submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance to effectively address the needs of our Ho-Chunk youth if they should be placed in a correctional facility," the Division of Social Services applied for and received a \$150K Pro-

gram Planning Grant.

Per Resolution 3-03-09N, "the Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Social Services is applying for a Program Planning Grant to explore the need for a youth detention center for our troubled youth; and the Program Planning Grant will demonstrate the need to develop program goals and objectives to retain cultural identity for youth detained in a Tribal Youth Detention Center."

Day explained that the concept is the extension of a plan created by representatives of Wisconsin's 11 tribes four years ago. At that time, tribal representatives suggested that building a youth detention facility would benefit all Native youth seeking or needing help. When the tribes were unable to agree on certain provisions the idea died, but Day and others are working to bring it back to life.

Although data is still being collected, Day visions a residential facility that would have both secure and non-

secure areas for its residents.

The secure section would house youth facing court ordered detentions and run-aways who need to be held in custody for their own safety. The non-secure section would house those troubled by social disorders or who need protection from a parent or guardian with AODA or other problems.

"The secure unit would be a jail," she said. "But it would keep our kids out of Lincoln Hills and Wales," two of the state's youth detention facilities. She stressed that as an important phase of

the program, all youth would undergo an assessment within 72 hours of being brought to the facility.

While at the Juvenile Justice Center, all youth will go to school. Day added that while at the start, local school districts may be asked to provide support; her ultimate goal is to establish a charter school that is culturally orientated. Youth of other tribes would be eligible to attend and Day said, "We would work with other tribes to help non Ho-Chunk youth learn about their culture."

She concluded that ideally

the Juvenile Justice Center would be built near the proposed Healing Center. Along with allowing family and friends to more easily visit people in both places, Day stated that there are practical reasons for the two facilities to be near each other as the infrastructure would already be in place and the two facilities could share operation costs. Day is confident that inviting youths from other tribes would allow the Juvenile Justice Center to be self sustaining and profitable.

She believes that the Center could be open by 2013.

Accounting Competent, both Adult and High School

Some people would like to go to school for accounting but they know that they would fail. When they were in school they did not take the right classes to prepare themselves for accounting. Anyone can take some classes to help them to get to be "accounting competent". When anyone gets to that level they can go to any state operated community college and be successful in their 2 year accounting programs.

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About me, "I am a slow learner but, the good part is I can learn."

Thanks,
Pat Greyhair
Ma Xi Ska gah

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Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency is requesting your comments on HUD-funded activities for our Annual Performance Report.

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HHCCA-Grants, P.O. Box 730, Tomah, WI 54660
Fax: (608)374-1251

March

Elders Birthdays



Correction - The Hocak Worak would like to apologize for titling the March Elder Birthday's list in Issue 4 as February birthdays. Sorry for the confusion.

Ten Weeks to Your First 5K – Part 4

By Kathleen Clemons,
Exercise Physiologist

Well here we are already at week 7! Hope your training is going well. Remember, if you are still struggling a little during a week, just repeat the week – you will get there. This week we start running actual mileage. The best thing to do is either go to a track (which is hard now because of the snow) or just map out a course in your car with courses of varying mileage. If you are running in the snowy conditions, I would recommend Yak Trax. They work very well and give you the traction you need – they just slip over your running shoes. If you are not a cold weather fan, you can always do the workouts on a treadmill and look for the mileage indicators on the piece of equipment. The La Crosse Fitness Festival and Louella Blackdeer runs are coming up soon – keep on training and you will be ready to go! Call me if you have any questions. 715-284-9851, ext 5308.

Week 7

Monday – Rest – Remember this rest day can change based on your schedule

Tuesday – Today you are going to try something different. Go to a school track or a trail in your area that you have measured. Warm up with vigorous walking for 10 minutes and then jog for 1 mile, trying not to stop. Jog the mile and then walk for 5 minutes. If you feel up to it, jog another half-mile to mile. Cool down with 10 minutes of walking.

Wednesday – Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 30 seconds and jog for 5 minutes.

Thursday – You will extend the distance of your workout today. After a 10-minute warm up, jog for 1.25 miles. Cool down with 10 minutes of walking. You can run almost anywhere, through your neighborhood, in a park, on a school track or on a treadmill.

Friday – Rest or cross train.

Saturday – Warm up for 10 minutes. Jog 1 mile, walk

for 5 minutes and then jog another mile. Cool down with 10 minutes of walking.

Sunday – You will extend your workout again today. Warm up by walking for 10 minutes. Jog for 1.5 miles. Cool down with 10 minutes of walking.

Week 8

Monday – Rest

Tuesday – Warm up by walking for 10 minutes. Jog 1 mile, walk 4 minutes and jog another mile. Cool down with 10 minutes of walking.

Wednesday – Walk/Jog for 35 minutes. Walk for 30 seconds and jog for 5 minutes.

Thursday – Warm up by walking for 10 minutes. Jog for 1.75 miles. Cool down with 10 minutes of walking.

Friday – Rest or cross train.

Saturday – You will do your longest run today. Warm up with 10 minutes of walking. Jog for 2 miles. Cool down with 10 minutes of walking.

Sunday – Do the same run as Saturday if you feel

you can or if you are feeling fatigued from yesterday's run, just run 1 mile today or simply walk. Cool down 10 minutes.

It is always recommended to ask your physician if a running program would be safe for you. The Ho-Chunk Nation or Exercise Services is not responsible for any injuries or unforeseen circumstances that may occur by you voluntarily participating in this program.

Minutes in Motion Coulee Region activity challenge

By Kathleen Clemons,
Exercise Physiologist

On March 21st the Minutes in Motion Fitness Challenge sponsored by Gundersen Lutheran will start. For the past two years we have had small groups participate. This year though, I would like to try to get as many people from the Ho-Chunk Nation involved as possible. Anyone from any area can participate.

The challenge works by you registering on their site (IT IS FREE!) and logging your activity for 6 weeks. The activity goal is 210 minutes a week (30 minutes a day) and then reporting your minutes on their site at 3 and 6 weeks. They do have logs that you can print out to track your progress. Here is how you sign up:

1. Log onto www.gundluth.org/min.
2. The "click to register" icon is in red on the right, click on that.
3. Fill in your personal information
4. The team name is Ho-Chunk Nation – fill that in
5. Click on Company Team
6. For employer, start typing in Ho-Chunk Nation and a

drop down box will appear – select Ho-Chunk Nation

7. Finish filling in your information including your email address and age
8. Click submit and then you will get two numbers, one is your personal ID number which you will use to submit your minutes and then a team number which is 13381 for the Ho-Chunk Nation

Gundersen Lutheran sends out reminders to you to enter your midterm and final minutes as well as wellness tips. At the end of the challenge, they have a celebration party at Riverside Park in La Crosse. They do have prizes including a \$500.00 grand prize. This is a great challenge for youth groups, individuals or departments throughout the Ho-Chunk Nation. At the end of the challenge, we will be able to find out how many people from the Ho-Chunk Nation participated and how many minutes of exercise were accumulated over the 6 weeks. Let's all do our part to log minutes for the Ho-Chunk Nation!

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Mar. 18th, which will be published on Mar. 25th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Diabetes BASICS Classes

Do you have diabetes or pre-diabetes and want to learn more about managing your blood sugars and preventing complications? The Ho-Chunk Health Department will be starting a comprehensive diabetes program that you are encouraged to participate in. The program will involve six classes over the course of six months. Many important diabetes-related topics will be presented. We ask that you commit to attending all six classes. Participants who attend all six classes will receive tennis shoes in addition to other helpful tools. Sessions will be beginning in Wittenberg on May 17th. If you are interested in participating, please contact Tina McArthur at 1-888- 685-4422, Ext. 5359. You will need to complete an assessment and have current labwork in place before starting the classes.

Assessments and lab collections will be held in Wittenberg on April 14th and May 10th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. – call Tina for an appointment. You may be asked to have a physician check-up before the start of the program.

Sorry, due to grant funding, this program is only open to Native American participants at this time.



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Supportive housing an option

Sara L. Peterson
Staff Writer

On February 11, 2011 members of the Ho-Chunk Nation travelled to the Fond du Lac Community located in Cloquet, MN to take a tour of a recently built supportive housing program. The Nation is aware of the need for housing for Ho-Chunk tribal members that are not able to obtain housing from either of the Nation's housing programs that fall under the Home Ownership Program or through the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency.

While looking for a solution to this problem, it was discovered that the Fond du

Lac Band has set up a supportive housing program for their tribal membership going through the same struggles. In order to better understand what the program would entail, a group of representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative branch, staff from both Ho-Chunk Housing Departments, and HCN Social Services met with the staff of the Fond du Lac Community to discuss what sort of processes they went through to get to where they are today.

Karen Diver, the Chairman of the Fond du Lac band, was very gracious and forth coming with information on what the Ho-Chunk Nation will have to do in order to

see this project through. She offered tips and provided her knowledgeable staff to show and provide the HCN representatives the best possible insight into their program. Diver stated, "Family Supportive Housing has to have the support of everyone, from the tribal leaders, to the departments, and the members of the tribe for it to be a success."

Throughout the day, discussions helped determine possible funding sources, the types of human services that would be available to the residents, the management aspects of such a program and the development process for the program. Currently, the complex located in Cloquet, MN includes three housing buildings with a total of 24 apartments and a community center as well as a play area for children. The types of apartments available to community members are 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms with all units designed to be energy efficient.

Through their housing program the selection process is very strict as to who is allowed to move into the available apartments. To ensure community safety, and to assist the residents in the development of emotional, financial and family security,



HCN representatives discussing all the possible options for a future facility.

applicants must complete a lengthy application process that includes references, financial information and background checks.

Fond du Lac Human Service workers support the residents with emotional, or rehabilitation issues such as alcohol recovery, and other issues that place a stress on the family. They also make sure the residents are working hard to obtain stability in their homes and lives. The work that FDL Human Services does is crucial to the success of those living in supportive housing to get them back on their feet.

The Fond du Lac band built their apartments in 2010 after a long road of ups and downs

to gain the funding and support they would need. The visit to the Fond du Lac housing facility was a good insight for what the Ho-Chunk Nation may expect with similar hardships and struggles ahead as they proceed forward to build a future healing center. Many departments will be involved and several steps and decisions will need to take place from where the site will be located to funding, to how many staff members will be needed to make it a success.

The HCN attendees felt they are better informed and now have a clearer understanding of what they would like to accomplish for the Ho-Chunk Nation and its people.



Fond Du Lac Supportive Housing complex.

Healing Center planning continues

Comprehensive plan draft to be reviewed in April

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

On October 11, 2003, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council approved the development and creation of a Healing Center that would deal with addictions in an attempt to better the health and well being of future generations.

Six years later, with the passage of **Resolution 11-17-09M**, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature agreed to offer the financial support needed to build and operate a Healing Center.

In 2010 the plan to establish a Healing Center-Ki jire Nagu- began as a Ho-Chunk Planning Team was assembled and charged with developing a vision for a Healing Center. Working with Project Facili-

tator, Tom Weber of Strollo Architects Inc, in the past year the Planning Team has worked to identify problem behavior patterns, assess the risk and protective factors, identify the population group the Healing Center will target and will have visited similar treatment centers to observe facility operations, counseling methods, facility design and observe if culture is incorporated into the healing programs.

Preliminary studies have also been done regarding where the Healing Center would be located and the type of service it would provide (i.e. outpatient, residential or a combination of the two) and the funding that would be available once a final plan is submitted.

Weber stated that he anticipates having a comprehensive plan that projects both the construction and operating costs ready for review in April. Once approved the process of exploring funding sources will begin. Carol Rockman, Director of the Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of Planning and Development, stated that while much progress has been made there are still many questions that need to be answered. Some of those questions relate to who will be served, where the Healing Center will be located and what type of treatment will be provided.

The Planning Team has identified the targeted populations to be served in priority preference order: 1) Ho-Chunk Nation members.

2) Other Native Nations members. 3) Non-Natives. In order for the Nation to receive outside federal funding (grants, foundation funds and other sources) it must allow non-Natives clients to be treated at the Healing Center. If the Center elects to treat Ho-Chunk members only, the Nation would have to support the facility with its own dollars.

Planners have identified several potential sites for the Healing Center. Noting that "site selection can set the tone of the entire project," Weber explained that along with factoring in the proposed physical size of the building(s) and the parking requirements, the Planning Team considered a number of other factors, including how development of the project would strengthen the cultural ties of the Nation to the land. The Team also studied the proximity of emergency and law enforcement services, medical services and transportation to the site. Deciding that land owned currently owned or controlled by the Nation would provide an acceptable location the final selection will likely be one of five sites: The Mortensen Property on 250 acres of land across from Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa in Wood County; Whirling Thunder Ranch, 370 acres of property in Monroe County; Muscoda Ranch, 600 acres in Grant/Iowa counties, Nine Eagles Resort, 75 developable acres in Juneau County and the O'Conner

Property, 180 acres in Eau Claire County.

Addressing the Planning Team during a meeting held on March 1 at Majestic Pines Hotel, Dr. AJ Ernst, contracted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to serve as Project Director with the Native American Center for Excellence (NACE), explained that while there is a proven connection between an addiction/substance abuse and mental health disorders, it is a challenge to find funding sources that deal with both. While noting that a diagnosis is needed to treat either disease, Ernst stressed "that some grants address mental illness, others substance abuse. Few do both." He continued that NACE can provide some of the technical assistance and training needed to deal with AODA and mental health issues and SAMHSA is an agency that solicits competitive grants for social issues.

The next Healing Center meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2011 at Majestic Pines Hotel from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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UWEC clinical experience held at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

Sara L. Peterson
Staff Writer

During the 2009-2010 academic year, the Director of Community Health, Marilyn YellowBird, and Karen Maddox, Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire in the College of Nursing and Health Services, have worked together so that UWEC nursing students could be at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center for their community clinical experience.

Maddox said, "The students' activities include participation in immunization clinics, vision and hearing screening with the children at Head Start, and health education programs." Marilyn and Karen are working together again during the 2010-2011 academic year with a new group of nursing students.

Since September, 2010

three students in the accelerated baccalaureate nursing (ABSN) program, who already have a 4-year college degree in a variety of fields, returned to college to become a baccalaureate prepared registered nurse and have been fulfilling their clinical experience requirements at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls. The students who were at the Health Care Center last year and those who have been there during the fall semester have greatly appreciated and enjoyed their experiences.

Each year, over 140 students obtaining a Baccalaureate, Master's or Doctorate's degree, graduate through the UWEC Accelerated program. Students are divided into groups and each group visits a different facility to complete the clinical hours needed.



University of Eau Claire Nursing Students Jesse Thill, Sarah Stolzenburg, Lisa Harrison, Community Health Nurse, Melissa Peck, and Karen Maddox RN and the student's Professor

Wisconsin Indian Education Association 2011 Conference

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This year's conference "Literacy – Learning Today for Tomorrow's Leaders" will provide valuable information and insight regarding issues facing American Indian Youth and Educators committed to providing quality education.

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Maddox stated, "Marilyn and I have done a variety of things to help the students learn about the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Ho-Chunk culture. I ask the students to regularly read the Hocak Worak to learn about current events and issues in the community."

For the 2010/2011 school year, the group selected to visit the BRF area makes a trip every Thursday for a whole working day, and they are scheduled for 6 -7 more clinicals through April with the Ho-Chunk Nation prior to graduation. After completing any prerequisite courses they might not have already taken,

they apply to the ABSN program, and, if admitted, they complete 60 credits of nursing courses in 12 months. Maddox said they have to be very committed to their studies and work hard to be successful.

The students have all stated that the experiences they are gaining while spending time with the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation have been very memorable and valuable to their education. Sarah Stolzenburg, a graduate student stated, "Being here at the Ho-Chunk Nation gives you a sense of family and community that you don't find at other facilities."

As nursing students, and like many other professions, many long hours are put in by the end of the day, along with dedication, motivation, and the commitment to their education. As a group they would like to thank the Ho-Chunk Nation for allowing them to perform their clinical hours with the community and to thank all those that have welcomed them. All the students participating at the Ho-Chunk Health center will graduate in May.

POSTER CONTEST

Diversity week: Proud of our Native American Heritage.

The Tomah/Sparta Local Indian Education Committee (LIEC) is sponsoring a poster contest to promote Native American Awareness Week (NAAW) which will be the week of April 26 - 29, 2011.

This week is aimed at presenting the history and traditions of our Native American Culture. The goal is to educate our communities about our heritage and who we are as Native Americans.

CONTEST THEME: *Proud of our Native American Heritage*

ELIGIBILITY
The Diversity Week/Native American Awareness Week Poster Contest is open to all Native American youth kindergarten through twelfth grade. Students must reside in the Tomah and Sparta school districts. Judging will be done by the LIEC/parent group.

ENTRIES & DEADLINE

Any media may be used (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, paper or other materials on regular posters (no computer generated entries). Picture collages are acceptable.

- Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a group of students.
- The theme *Proud of our Native American Heritage* must be on your poster. (Do not use any other title).
- Although younger students may seek assistance from parents or teachers, the LIEC encourages students to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their handwriting and coloring will score higher than those designed, drawn and colored by an adult or with adult assistance.

- Student full name, school district, age, address and phone number must be included on the back of the poster. In addition the poster must have the parent or legal guardian's printed name and signature authorizing their child to take part in the contest.

DEADLINE EXTENSION

Onsite delivery is allowed through Tuesday, March 15th, 2011, 4:30pm. Entries can be dropped off at the front desk of:

Housing & Public Works

500 East Veterans Street, Building 23, Tomah, WI 54660

PRIZES

The top two posters will receive monetary prizes. The first place winner will receive \$100 and their poster will be displayed April 15th – May 15th on a billboard located in Tomah, WI. The second place winner will receive \$75. Both posters will be displayed in the HoCak Worak.

REFERENCE

http://nacdn.net/education/contests/poster/2011/forestry_2011.html
<http://nacdn.net/education/contests/poster>

As the contest is sponsored by the LIEC through JOM funding all applicants must be at least one-fourth (1/4) blood of a descendant of a member of an American Indian Tribe which is eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States and must be enrolled or willing to enroll into the local JOM program.

Tomah Youth & Learning Center Quarterly Report

Submitted by
Maria Blackhawk – Tomah
Home School Coordinator

This is the Tomah Youth and Learning Center's first public report which consists of a brief overview of our center as well as updates for the months of November, December, and January. Hopefully, any questions the public has about the center's operations will be answered in this

we participate in is the Highway Clean-up program which we have participated in since 2007.

Our involvement in directed study and in school tutoring has increased and therefore reflects improvement in GPA's at all grade levels. Having a consistent and adequate number of staff has a direct correlation with the success of our students.



2010 Live-It participants

and future reports.

Although Tomah has several different activities within the course of a month, daily activities generally consist of an hour of homework except for Wednesdays when tutors from UW-La Crosse visit the center and study time is extended by half-an-hour. We also have daily recreation time which includes, but is not limited to, outdoor activities, billiards, computer time, Xbox and Nintendo gaming, and arts and crafts. Once a month, a nutritionist comes to teach about healthy lifestyles and habit; there are other prevention speakers as well including specialists such as dental hygienist, grief and bereavement counselors, and other outside support services. We also utilize the public library's free youth programs.

The Center also participates in a program called Live-It which deals with healthy relationships and life choices; it has been very popular with the youth. Another program

We have been able to work with the Tomah School District for several years, and our relationship with the school district can be described as supportive and collaborative. Concerns or differences of opinion will always exist, however we always work together to resolve these issues. The district seeks our advice and assistance in issues concerning students. For example, if a student receives a low score or misses an assignment, alternative work that needs to be completed are often made up at the Youth and Learning Center. Our involvement in directed study and in-school tutoring has increased over the past several years and is reflected by improvements in GPA's at all grade levels. Having a consistent and adequate number of staff has a direct correlation with the success of our students.

As far as academic issues go, we have seen a big improvement from past years. The youth that attend the center have been very consistent in attending, and has allowed us to help keep the majority of the youth stay on track. The youth have become more consistent in asking for help on their own, and that responsible attitude is helping to bring the grade point averages

of the majority of them up.

There has also been an increase in extra-curricular activity involvement. We encourage youth to join in sports, choir, band, and any other activity that may interest them. We try to help as much as possible with maintaining grades and transportation in some situations. Our staff also tries to attend youth games and performances. While we attend, we try to bring other youth to encourage their peers.

November: Tomah is fortunate to have UW-L Tutors in our center on Wednesdays during the school year. This is something that has been going on for many years. During the month of November the tutors were with us three Wednesdays, giving the youth the opportunity to do more one on one skill building as well as giving the tutors experience with youth. Also during November there were three open gyms and one Youth Center overnight lock-in. At the lock-in we watched movies, ate pizza and played guitar hero. During the second week of the month was a bowling night; the youth were taken to Strike Zone for bowling and pizza. During the third week of the month we had a family event. We try to make our family events fun for everyone and physical, so we go to Flying Wheels in Oakdale. Youth as well as parents love these events. Also in November, during the week of Thanksgiving the staff prepared a turkey dinner for our families. The housing department donated turkeys for this event. This is something we have been doing for a few years. Lastly, although we would love to celebrate each child's birthday, we are unable to so rather, we have a monthly celebration of cake and ice cream and announce the name of each person that has a birthday that month.

December: Although we had a very short month with



Tomah youth playing pool during open center

the center being open only eight days, we were still able to have a couple of activities. The UW-L tutors were able to attend the first week of December. The second we had a three day all staff training in Wisconsin Dells during which the staff learned many new things. During the week of the fourteenth, we had cookie decorating with the area CHR and two of her co-workers. This was a colorful event. Youth as well as the parents that attended the event loved the frosting. We were also able to have our annual Christmas party of the youth. Our youth-fund activity money and fundraisers help to support this event. Staff shops for each youth and hopes to find something that fits their likes and personality. The party had a great turnout.

January: We close the center down if the weather could be hazardous to the youth's safety; January had four bad weather days. Still, we managed to have The Flying Wheels family event the second week of the month. On the twenty-first, we had a very successful chili and bingo fundraiser. It was a great event with lots of people there to support our area youth. They were enjoying themselves and having a good time with lots of laughs. During the week of the twenty-fourth we took the youth to the mov-



Tomah and Black River Falls youth playing Guitar Hero during the December 2010 Lock-In

ies. We were also lucky to have a Terry Lujan a language apprentice come to our center and begin language. She works so well with the youth that you can hear them down the hall yelling Ho-Chunk words.

Future events include art contests, frybread making, college visits, and more outdoor activities, utilization of school facilities, parks, swimming and much more.

With a supportive community and people who are interested in the success of our future leaders they will accomplish all of their dreams. We are very happy to be a vital part of the Tomah youth's future.

Center Director – Marty Ybarra
Home School Coordinator – Maria Blackhawk-McCabe and Lucy Hindsley
Teacher – Linda Hanson and Heather Brieske
Youth Coordinator – John Richard, Lily Lincoln, and Elizabeth Deer

LaCrosse Youth and Learning Center Update

Submitted by Henry Green-grass - Center Director

Located on the second floor of the historic Ni Tanj Hocira (Three Rivers House), the La Crosse Youth & Learning Center provides various services to Native American youth within the La Crosse area. Services are made possible due to funding from the Ho-Chunk Nation and grant funding received through the La Crosse School District.

The La Crosse Y&LC focuses on (4) four types of activities: Recreational, Cultural, Educational and Preventative; i.e. Drug & Al-

cohol, Nutritional, & Healthy Lifestyles and choices. Our goal is to deliver positive and healthy activities to our youth. Parental and Community Involvement is important and is always encouraged to help shape and mold our future leaders.

The La Crosse Y&LC provides services to any Native American youth who are currently or will be attending grades K thru 12th grade within the La Crosse, Onalaska, Holmen and West Salem School Districts. Our services provide each youth study time, a healthy snack and an activity which focuses on the following areas;

- Homework assistance/Tutoring
- Recreation
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Language
- Culture
- Nutrition/Fitness
- Basic Life Skills
- Community Outreach (Volunteering)

- Various preventions

Hocak Language classes are provided four (4) times a week to preserve the Hocak Language and to assist youth in acquiring techniques of learning to speak a second language.

The La Crosse Y&LC partners with the *La Crosse School District, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region and Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) #4*.

Utilizing federal funding through Title VII, the La Crosse School District and the Nation entered into an agreement to allow Y&LC staff to provide direct services to Native American youth in the form of tutoring within the La Crosse schools and transportation to and from the center.

Designated as part of the Site Based Programming offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region, the La Crosse Y&LC and BBBS work collaboratively



The youth pictured is, Quiana Young, with the Chinese New Year dragon.

to provide caring mentors in the lives of youth who attend the center to promote youth development.

By partnering with CESA #4, the La Crosse Y&LC is the location for youth, families and community members to attend "Strengthening Families Program for Youth 10-14" facilitated by CESA

#4. This program provides tools to build strong, healthy capable youth and families.

The La Crosse Y&LC also has volunteer tutors from three (3) local colleges that tutor our youth. This allows both the volunteer and the youth to meet a diverse range of individuals interested in assisting them to succeed.



La Crosse Youth & Learning Center

Basket Biography, Violet White Wing

Submitted by
Gloria Visintin

Violet nee Bigthunder, White Wing, age 90, is a master basket weaver of the Hochungra. Violet has been making baskets since she was 10 years of age, showing a history of 80 years of basket making and mastering 15 basket forms. Violet was taught basket making in her early youth in the vicinity of Elderon, Wisconsin by her grandmother, Alice Warclub Bigthunder. Violet's aunt, Lena Big-



Violet designed the original "fish basket" and was acknowledged at a basket making competition.

thunder Johnson, taught her to make sewing baskets. Violet has woven a magician's "mystery basket"; she has woven a hat; a shoulder basket; and at the age of 30 years, after 20 years of experience, Violet designed the original "fish basket" for which she was acknowledged at a basket making competition.

Violet adapted and designed the "fish basket" from a commercial fishing creel which 6 Northwestern Railway workers commissioned her to make. The techniques Violet implemented in the making of the fish basket were unique in that separate

pieces had to be carved and inserted to accommodate the design. The cover had an opening large enough for a fish to be passed through and it was attached to the basket by a flip bar which was hand-carved. Special weft loops were woven at the sides of the basket to accommodate a belt to fasten the basket to the fisherman's waist. Violet is the truest example of an artist using her innate sense of creativity implementing pliant flexible wood fibers in innovative design. In coloring the fish basket, Violet did not use dyes and opted to use the natural, monochromatic colors of the wood itself. The natural color enhanced the smooth flowing lines of the fish basket which actually had 6 sculptural sides to its shape, a very complicated form to weave, carve and sculpt out of wood fibers. The light hitting the basket showed a satiny finish which was impeccably rendered by careful delicate scraping of a knife. All of Violet's baskets were beautiful, functional, and strong. Her baskets were woven together without knots, nails, glue, or staples. Tension binding was the technique used to hold the basket together in every instance and required a steady controlled effort at every touch. Violet is one of the 6 women of the tribe that have experience in pounding the ash to free layers of cambium to form basic strips for preparation of weaving. All of these tasks require a great amount of physical strength and weaving experience.

When asked the purpose for making baskets, Violet replied, "We made baskets to make a living, to eat and buy stuff. We traded baskets for food from farmers." Violet always did and still enjoys making baskets. Her difficulty encountered today in doing basket making is the passing away of her husband of 60 years, and basket making partner, George White Wing, who did all the tree acquisition and preparation. It is difficult today to get the tree and a strong expert helper. Violet now has difficulty using her arms



Master basket weaver and Ho-Chunk Elder, Violet Whitewing.

which have been affected by physical constraints. Violet is very willing, in spite of these obstructions to keep on making baskets because she enjoys the work. Violet feels it is a skill and an art that we should continue and feels that "Someday per cap will be gone and we will have to make baskets."

Violet said her basket taking the longest to make was the fish basket and it was the best basket that she has ever made. When asked which was the worst basket that she ever made, she replied, "I never made a worst one."

Basket Biography of Velma Lewis

Submitted by
Gloria Visintin

Velma Lewis is a master basket weaver of the Hochungra who has mastered 8 basket forms and also has the added experience of pounding a black ash tree for material preparation. Velma started being taught basket making at 9 years of age by her mother Marie D. Lewis, her father George Lewis Sr. (who was the black ash tree expert and pounder), and also taught basket making by her grandmother, May Yellow-bank Looking Glass. Velma was taught in the vicinity of Black River Falls, Wisconsin and has a record of 68 years of basket making. Velma said, "I learned by looking." Velma still uses the first pair of scissors she was given 69 years ago. Velma remembers the knife she used for many years which eventually wore and mentioned the fact that her mother kept the tools downstairs in the basement. Velma recalls that the museum bought some of the tools her family used in their basket making, but she went to the museum and bought back the "hicara" (hand-carved "ear" attachments that were used

to secure the handles to the basket) that were made by her father, George Lewis Sr. Velma remembers that some basket makers tried using washing machine wringers to help in separating the layers, but that method proved not to be a good substitute for the 4 different ways that the separation of black ash tree layers can be done by human hands.

Black ash tree acquisition was a hazardous job, requiring skill and strength to extricate the tree and transport it to the worksite. Some men were known to lift the tree to their shoulders and walk it to the worksite, a tremendous feat of strength. Velma states, "Things are easier now, but I smashed my finger loading a log onto the trailer. It hurt a lot, and my father his leg when the tree fell on it... sometimes Jim Climber pounded for us, we pounded a tree if necessary ... mom and I used to do it." In that accident Velma lost the first knuckle of the index finger on her left hand and still managed to drive the car to the doctor. Velma recalls, "Mom shifted...I couldn't drive with my hand...but we made it and went back to work."

The car had a standard shift requiring mother and daughter together working the steering wheel, accelerator, foot clutch, and shifting gear, to get Velma to the doctor and back.

Velma had 2 sisters and one brother who learned basket making skills. One brother did not learn the art, but had a daughter (now in her late 50's) who learned the art of carving wood handles. Velma's sisters did not practice their basket making arts, worked at different places of employment and are now retired. Velma learned the art of designing, coloring and weaving the fibers, using all the standard colors, but states they never used the color black. (Some basket makers did use the color black in other communities.)

Velma said that their purpose for making baskets at that time was to sell to the (basket) co-op and to the farms for food. The "basket co-op" was a church-oriented group helping the Hochungra to market their baskets in Black River Falls. Velma enjoys making baskets as a hobby and has been teaching basket making this past

year in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Velma thinks the Hochungra should continue the arts and skills of basket making because "they have to learn".

Velma states that "I once made a pencil basket as I ate breakfast, off and on, and finished it in 2 hours, my fastest time...I did not keep track of the longest time...the worst basket I ever made was very flimsy...the best baskets I ever made were 'mini-minis' made out of thin black ash tree strips for Christmas tree decorations." Velma adds that lack of materials is her biggest problem in basket making.

At times (in the early 1900's) tribal members went out selling baskets from door to door. The best way to sell baskets was to find a nice location on a busy road and set the baskets up for sale while the family brought their materials and worked at the site, camping there every summer with the family members working closely together. Velma says, "As a little kid, I remember all this...there were 7 basket stands in Black River Falls area, worked by the families of the Blackcoons, Ray Deer, Frank B. Thunder,

Elizabeth Deer, Lena Thunder, Ed Fun maker, and Mabel Lowe. Each family had the same basket stands year after year." At that period of time the gypsy people roamed the roads of America and the Hochungra often met them as they traveled. Hochungra women started wearing bandannas around their heads "gypsy style".

Velma chuckles and recalls how her female relative was mistaken for a gypsy because she wore a bandanna like the gypsies wore. One of Velma's sisters was born at the site of the family business and Velma mentions that she still has the fruit basket she made on the day that her little sister was born in 1936, 74 years ago. Velma smiles as she recalls the basket she treasures as a precious family memento. It was a time of hardship and "survival of the fittest". It was a time to be proud because the "basket stands" became one of the first examples of Hochungra entrepreneurship.

March Madness 2011

Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

Once again, the March Madness fever hit Indian Country at the House of Wellness on March 4-6 in Wisconsin Dells. Teams from Florida, Kansas, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, and of course our own Ho-Chunk representation from Wisconsin made their way to registration on Thursday, March 3, 2011.

Throughout the 3 day weekend there were many events and special presentations that took place from the Nelson Funmaker 3 point shootout, to the Kunu Yazzie slam dunk contest, to the

Little Hoopsters, to a dedication to the late Tanner Albers who has competed in the tournament with Iron Five in previous years.

There were a total of 16 teams registered for the double elimination tournament and for the teams left standing it was a site to see, especially when it came down to the last running seconds. For those that didn't make it, there's always next year to bring it.

This year, fourth place went to Plainzmen from Florida. They remained in the winner's bracket until they met up with Rez Life on Sunday morning at 10am. Two hours later

they lost a very competitive game against Razor Sharp. It was a close game but they were defeated for a second time.

Third place went to Razor Sharp from Minnesota who have a past march madness championship. After defeating NDN Ave and Oak Park, they went on to play Big Town and lost. They would then need to make their way up the bracket if they wanted to get in the championship round. Unfortunately for them they were defeated by Rez Life.

Second place went to Rez Life from Kansas who were defeated twice by

Big Town.

Champions for the second year in a row, Big Town from Florida, trailed for about 3 quarters of the final game against Rez Life, but they proved to be the best team and came out undefeated throughout the weekend. When they took the lead they refused to give it back and they showed their dominance for the weekend.

A special thank you goes to the Ho-Chunk singers for singing a special song and the closing song at the end of the tournament and to all those that helped in preparation and clean-up.

'Nelson Funmaker' 3 point shootout

Tracy Pecore, Newsletter Editor

Nelson Funmaker enjoyed life to its fullest and brought many smiles and laughter to all he knew. He participated in sports all his life and encouraged other youth to get involved. He travelled to many parts of this country with the drum group, Wisconsin Dells Singers comprised of his brothers. He also was a fancy dancer. His youthful attitude and caring nature is missed by all who knew him.



Nothing but a blur to going from one station to the next within 30 seconds to get the highest score in the 3pt shootout.

Lussier and Casey both had low scores in the second round leaving Heart having to step up to the plate. Casey finished third with only 6 points in the second round, Lussier with 8 points and Heart with 10 points.

On Friday, March 4, 40 participants registered for the Nelson Funmaker 3 point shootout competition. It was tough to see who would take it after the first round. Leon Lussier from Red Lake, Jesse Heart from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and Mackenzie Casey also from the Oglala Sioux Tribe were going into the 2nd round with 15 points each.

Lussier and Casey both had low scores in the second round leaving Heart having to step up to the plate. Casey finished third with only 6 points in the second round, Lussier with 8 points and Heart with 10 points.



Ho-Chunk tribal member, Lewis Frogg, leaps off the ground as a participant in the 3pt shootout.



(L-R) Kenny Funmaker, Jr. (Nelson's brother), Evelyn Funmaker (Nelson's Daughter), Jones Funmaker (cousin), Kevin Begay received furthest travelled (Navajo), Leon Lussier - 2nd place (Ojibwe), Jesse Heart - 1st place (Oglala Sioux Tribe), and MacKenzie Casey - 3rd place (Oglala Sioux Tribe). Not pictured is Brandi Brown for furthest travelling female and the only female to participate (Ho-Chunk).

Jesse Heart stole the show with 17 points in the final round, almost doubling the

points that Lussier received leaving him in second place with 8 points. Although Kevin Begay and Brandi Brown did not win, they both received a prize for furthest travelled.



This year's allstar team (L-R) was Derick Denny from Rez Life, Kurt Schwamp from Bigtown, Austin Kirkie from Razor Sharp, Dustin Mitchell from Rez Life, and Amos Huggins from Bigtown who was also the MVP.



Big Town - 2011 CHAMPS



Rez Life - 2nd Place



Razor Sharp - 3rd Place



Plainzmen - 4th Place

'Kunu Yazzie' slam dunk competition

Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

Aaron Edward "Kunu" Yazzie (Mociga) was born August 16, 1967, baptized, and raised as a member of the Native American Church. Kunu participated in basketball all through his life at high school, in the service, and at the House of Wellness during March Madness. His friendly smile and good nature is truly missed by friends and family.

On Saturday, March 5, the Kunu Yazzie slam dunk competition took place at 7 o'clock p.m. sharp (no Indian time). With three rounds of dunking, and three chances within each round to get a final dunk

scored by a panel judges (Boyd Lonetree, Tohee Funmaker, and Ansen Funmaker), the final round ended with a tie breaker for second place between Clint Lupi from Sisseton and Dustin Mitchell from Lac Du Flambeau.

Although Mitchell had some impressive height on his jumps, he took home a 2nd place win. Nathan Lang from the Creek Nation, who also played at Pittsburg State University, took this year's slam dunk competition for a second year in a row. His two most impressive jumps were ally-oops off the backboard to himself, one 360 and one windmill, to take home a first place win and bragging rights.



Two time champion and winner of the slam dunk contest, Nathan Lang from the Creek Nation.



The late Kunu Yazzie's mother (Georgia Lonetree), two daughters (Nikole and Brittany Yazzie), nephew (Paul Roberts, Jr.), the slam dunk scoreman (Boyd Lonetree, Tohee Funmaker, Ansen Funmaker), and other family members pose with the slam dunk winners.



(L-R) Clint Lupi from the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux tribe took 3rd place, Nathan Lang from the Creek Nation took 1st place, and Dustin Mitchell from Lac Du Flambeau took 2nd place.

The Little Hoopsters tear it up

Tracy Pecore, Newsletter Editor

On Saturday, March 5, the Little Hoopsters took to the floor ranging from 4 yrs to 12 years old. Not only did they tear it up but some of those kids had skills; from dribbling between their

legs, to doing crossovers, to hitting 3 point shots.

The young athletes were the children of local parents or to players participating in March Madness who travelled many miles for the 3 day tournament. This year, approximately 65 youth participated in the Little Hoopsters tournament.

Although a lot of calls were not called for traveling, carrying, pushing, crying, hitting, or throwing of fits, the games were very exciting and fun to watch. The little guys and gals were especially cute because they would dribble every other time, stop, and continue to dribble.

One of the secrets to success and keeping those kids under control was the help from the coaches who were Greg Bird, Hank Funmaker, Jr., Curtis Cloud, and Cameron Greendeer.



Team "Orange Ballers" led by Greg Bird.



Team "Bling" led by Hank Funmaker, Jr.



Team "Blue Birds" led by Curtis Cloud.



Team "Green Machine" led by Cameron Greendeer and also pictured is "Bucky the Badger".

'Tanner Albers' Dedication

Tracy Pecore, Newsletter Editor

All star and MVP basketball player with the winning Iron Five team passed on February 2, 2011 in Shakopee, MN. In honor of his outstanding achievement in the game of basketball, the Iron Five team will not be participating in tournaments this year. The House of Wellness always looked forward to the excitement the Iron Five players brought to the game.

On Sunday, March 6, a plaque was presented to the family of the late Tanner Albers, on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the House of Wellness which stated, "Presented to honor the

life and memory of Tanner Albers." Tanner was the MVP in 2002 and he also made the All Star Team in 2002 and 2007.

Ernie Stevens, Jr. spoke on behalf of Tanner Albers and his accomplishments throughout the years. Not only was he a basketball player, a father, a brother, and a friend, he also sang with Midnight Express and travelled many places.



A plaque presented to the late "Tanner Albers" family who travelled from South Dakota to be a part of the dedication. (L-R) Brendon Albers (cousin) and Travis Albers (brother).



During a song sung by Ho-Chunk singers, teammates, friends, and relatives dance in honor of the late "Tanner Albers".



Little Hoopster MVP's were Rodger Greengrass and Alecia Bear.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
WHYTE HIRSCHBOECK
DUKE OFFICES-
MADISON, WI
FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland
Vice President Daniel Brown
Rep. Greg Blackdeer
Rep. Douglas Greengrass
Rep. Clarence Pettibone
Rep. Roberta Decorah
Rep. James Greendeer
Rep. John Holst
Rep. Hope Smith
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.
Rep. Greg Littlejohn
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle
Rep. Robert TwoBears

**DETERMINATION OF
QUORUM:** Quorum was established (13)

OPENING PRAYER: Rep. John Holst offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the agenda with the addressing items 1, 2, 4, & 11 first. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation
Resolution – Placing former
Kubina Property into Trust**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 2-8-11A – Placing Former Kubina Property 20 acres into trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation
Resolution – Placing former
Shaw Property into Trust**

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 2-8-11 B – Placing the Former Shaw Property into trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation
Resolution – ANA Language
Preservation & Maintenance
Grant Application**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 2-8-11 C – ANA Language Preservation & Maintenance Grant Application. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 12-0-1 (Rep. TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Heritage Board of Directors Approval – Henning Garvin

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve Lera Hopinkah, Samantha Greendeer, Robert Mann, Zachary Quackenbush, and Stuart Lonetree to the Ho-Chunk Department of Heritage Preservation Board of Directors. Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-2 (Reps. Smith & Pettibone)-4 (Reps. Whiterabbit, Greengrass, Decorah, & Greendeer) MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING
MINUTES –
Legislative Meeting - January
18, 2011**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-2 (Reps. Whiterabbit & TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.

**Special Legislative Meeting –
January 31, 2011**

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve the Special Legislative Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2011 as presented. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-3 (Reps. Smith, TwoBears, & Walker, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

**Development Meeting –
January 25, 2011**

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve the Development Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2011 with the changing of referring the TERO 2% Tax to the Administration Committee. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-1 (Rep. TwoBears)-1 (Rep. Blackdeer) MOTION CARRIED.

**Finance Meeting – January 26,
2011**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes of January 26, 2011 with the proper coding on the elite elder's insurance requests. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 12-0-1 (Rep. Decorah) MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. James Greendeer leaves the room at 11:07 a.m.

REPORTS

Tribal AmericaCorps Programs (TAP) – Rep. TwoBears

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to refer the vacancy on the TAP Tribal AmericaCorps Program to the Office of the President to find a suitable replacement to represent the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. James Greendeer was out of the room.

Rep. James Greendeer returns at 11:16 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to accept the Tribal AmeriCorps quarterly report. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Eagle Feather – Rep. Lawrence
Walker, Jr.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to have the Nation's lobbying firm Whyte Hirschboeck Duke S.C., facilitate, coordinate, and attend meetings with Congressional Members and Agency personnel in conjunction with the Nation's delegation to the NCAI, Washington D.C. 2011 Winter Conference February 28 – March 4, 2011. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to accept the Eagle Feather report. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 12-0-1 (Rep. Walker, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

**Healing Center – Rep. Roberta
Decorah**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve Rep. Roberta Decorah & Rep. John Holst to travel to Washington D.C., March 7-11, 2011 regarding the Healing Center. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-2 (Reps. Holst & Decorah) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to request assistance from the President and Executive Branch in the planning and implementation for the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing Center, and to assist the Legislature in coordinating meetings and seeking funding resources. Second by Rep. John Holst. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to accept the Healing Center report. Second by Rep. John Holst. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Merrill Lynch – Rep. Pettibone

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to table the Merrill Lynch Report until this afternoon. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Resolution Rescission
of Resolution 1-4-11C**

–(Previously amending the Ho-Chunk Nation Finance Manual and Depreciation Schedule)

MOTION by V.P. Daniel Brown to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution -Rescission 2-8-11 D Rescinding Resolution 1-4-11C –(Previously amending the Ho-Chunk Nation Finance Manual -and Depreciation Schedule). Second by Rep. John Holst. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution – Quick Passage
Procedure to Amend the
Finance Manual (5 HCC**

**\$5) To Update the Nation's
Depreciation Schedule**

MOTION by V.P. Daniel Brown to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 2-8-11 E – Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Finance Manual (5 HCC \$5) To Update the Nation's Depreciation Schedule. Second by Rep. John Holst. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Ethics Review Board Update –
Mike Murphy**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to accept the Ethics Review Board Update. Second by Rep. John Holst. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution – Residential Lease

for Rory L. Deer

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to table the Resolution lease for Rory L. Deer. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Recess

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-2 (Reps. Blackdeer & Pettibone)-0 MOTION CARRIED. The meeting recesses for lunch at 12:07 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called back to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 12:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland
Vice President Daniel Brown
Rep. Greg Blackdeer
Rep. Douglas Greengrass
Rep. Clarence Pettibone
(1:02 p.m.)

Rep. Roberta Decorah
Rep. James Greendeer
Rep. John Holst (1:08 p.m.)

Rep. Hope Smith
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.
Rep. Greg Littlejohn

Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle
Rep. Robert TwoBears

**Resolution – Residential Lease
for Rory L. Deer**

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 2-8-11 F – Granting Consent as an Interest Holder to the James S. Brown (PURS- REST) #441 2006 for a BIA Residential Lease for Rory L. Deer. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Clarence Pettibone arrives at 1:02 p.m.
Rep. John Holst arrives at 1:08 p.m.

**Resolution – Authorization for
Application of Child Support
Enforcement Agency Grant- K.**

Goodwill

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 2-8-11 G –

Authorization for Application Child Support Enforcement Agency Grant. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 12-0-1 (Rep. John Holst) MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution – NCAI Tribal Eagle
Feathers Working Group –
Designation of Representative-
M. Murphy**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution – 2-8-11 H – NCAI Tribal Eagle Feathers Working Group – Designation of Representative. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 5-6 (Reps. Smith, Decorah, TwoBears, Greendeer, Pettibone, & V.P. Brown)-2 (Reps. Walker, Jr. Greengrass)

MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 2-8-11 I – NCAI Tribal Eagle Feathers Working Group with revisions adding Rep. Greg Blackdeer & Rep. John Holst. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-3 (Reps. Holst, Blackdeer, & Walker, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit that

Legislative Office staff members, Darcy Funmaker & Tracy Littlejohn, organize a public meeting to inform the public about the Eagle Feather and non-Eagle Feather and other body parts issue. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution – Support of
National Tribal Healing to
Wellness Court Planning
Initiative-M. Murphy**

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 2-8-11 J – Support of National Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Planning Initiative. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution – Midwest Gaming
Investment – Rep. Greendeer,
M. Murphy**

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to adopt –Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 2-8-11 K –Midwest Gaming Investment. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 7-6 (Reps. TwoBears, Decorah, Blackdeer, Holst, Walker, Jr. & V.P. Brown)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution – Quick Passage
Amendment to Charitable
Request Act – M. Murphy**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to table the Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution – Quick Passage Amendment to Charitable Request Act. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

BRF Fire Agreement 2011

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to table the BRF Fire Agreement of 2011. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda Amendment

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to amend the agenda to address Merrill Lynch. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 10-1 (Rep. Littlejohn)-1 (Rep. Whiterabbit) MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Smith was out of the room.

Merrill Lynch

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to give Merrill Lynch permission to search for a new money manager to replace Roxbury Capital. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-2 (Rep. Pettibone & V.P. Brown) MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Smith was out of the room. Rep. Smith returns at 2:31 p.m.

District Concerns

District 1: No Requests were submitted
District 2: No Requests were submitted
District 3: No Requests were submitted
District 4: No Requests were submitted
District 5: No Requests were submitted

**Conference Approvals
NAFOA'S Spring Finance
Conference- Pala, CA**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to approve three Legislators to attend NAFOA conference scheduled on March 22-23, 2011, in Pala, Ca. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

National Congress of American

**Indians- Winter Session –
February 28, 2011- March 2,
2011 & Mid-Year Conference –
June 13-16, 2011**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to approve three Legislators to attend the NCAI Mid-winter and Mid-year conference. Approval for Mid-Winter session is on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**RES 2011/ Native Center for
American Indian Enterprise
Development – Las Vegas, NV
– March 14-17, 2011**

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve three Legislators to attend the Native Center for American Indian Enterprise Development conference, March 14-16, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV. Second by Rep. John Holst. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**U.S. Department of Health &
Human Services HHS Tribal
Budget & Policy Resource Day
– Washington, D.C. – March 2,
2011**

MOTION by Rep. Roberta Decorah to approve three Legislators to attend the United States Department of Health and Human Services Tribal Budget/ Policy meeting in Washington, D.C., March 2, 2011. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to have HUD conduct a training on March 21, 2011 for Legislators and any others interested.

Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. John Holst leaves the room at 3:20 p.m.

Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-1 (Rep. Walker, Jr.)-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Holst was out of the room. The meeting goes into Executive Session at 3:20 p.m.

Open Session

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to return to Open Session. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. The meeting returns to Open Session at 6:14 p.m.

**Ratification of Executive
Session**

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adjourn the meeting until February 22, 2011 the meeting is to be held at the Executive Offices in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Hope B. Smith
Tribal Secretary

Darcy Funmaker
Recording Secretary

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veteran Affairs

Submitted by: Robert Mann, TVSO



Vets 4 Vets is a non-partisan organization dedicated to helping Iraq and Afghanistan – era veterans to heal from the psychological injuries of war through the use of peer support.

There is a free workshop to participating veterans – including travel, lodging, and meals on May 20, 21, and 22 at Camp American Legion in Lake Tomahawk, WI. This is an opportunity for fellow Iraq and Afghanistan – era veterans to share military/deployment/combat experiences with other veterans in a confidential setting. It provides an atmosphere for extraordinary camaraderie: an experience we all miss from the military.

If you would like to attend, please contact Bob Pidgeon (USMC veteran) at (715) 323-2835 or pidgeonrb@yahoo.com.

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All funds raised will go toward the 2011 Native American Awareness Week activities being held April 26 - 30.



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March 17th, 2011
House of Wellness, Baraboo, WI

3:00pm—3:30pm	Registration
3:30pm—3:45pm	Welcome /Prayer
3:45pm—4:00pm	Skit
4:00pm—5:00pm	Presenters
5:00pm—5:45pm	Dinner
5:45pm—6:00pm	Lock Box Handout to Elders

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National Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Ho-Chunk Nation
Community Health Nursing

"March 20, 2011 marks the fifth annual National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. This day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the impact of HIV/AIDS on Native people. HIV continues to increase among Native people as it has over the past decade. American Indians and Alaska Natives had the third highest rate per 100,000 persons of new HIV infections in 2008, despite having the smallest population.

The purpose of this day is to encourage Native people to learn more about HIV/AIDS and its impact in their community, work together to encourage testing and HIV counseling, and to help decrease the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. It is a time to reflect on those who have passed as well as those who are currently infected and affected by HIV/AIDS – a "Celebration of Life" for all Native people."

- HIV Coordinators Pam Reimer CHN and Kelli Engen CHN



Join us for **FREE LUNCH** and a guest speaker who has personally been affected by this disease. Learn more about HIV/AIDS and how you can get tested!!! On Friday, March 18th, there will be educational displays at the Executive Office Building throughout the day as well as a tribal member who will share her personal story at noon.

March 18th 11:45-1:00pm
Executive Building



BadgerCare Plus HMO Enrollment

Most BadgerCare Plus (BC+) members who are eligible for BC+ and reside in a BC+ HMO service area must enroll in an HMO. However, Native Americans can be exempt from HMO enrollment and they may choose to opt out of the HMO group and choose Title 19. Title 19 allows the member to be seen where ever Medical Assistance is accepted in the State of Wisconsin. This may enhance the continuity of care between the member and IHS services. The enrollment process still needs to be completed.

This is the enrollment process:

1. Members residing in an HMO service area receive an HMO enrollment packet. The packet has an enrollment form, a list of available HMO's, instructions on how to choose an HMO and how to find out if a provider is affiliated with an HMO. It is at this time that the Native American member can choose to opt out of the HMO selection and select Title 19 by calling the Enrollment Specialist at 1-800-291-2002. They must state in the request that 1) They are Native American and 2) they wish to opt out of the HMO group and are selecting Title 19.
2. If the member does not choose an HMO within two weeks of receiving the enrollment packet, he/she receives a reminder card.
3. If the member has not chosen an HMO after four weeks, and lives in an area covered by two or more HMO's, he/she will be assigned an HMO. Your doctor or clinic may not be affiliated with the assigned HMO. A letter explaining the assignment will be sent. He/she will receive another enrollment form and have an opportunity to change the assigned HMO. If the Native American member still has not called the Enrollment Specialist, this is the time to call the above number to opt out of the HMO and select Title 19 if they wish this coverage.

If the Native American member has any questions, they may contact the Benefit Specialist or Benefit Coordinators at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and House of Wellness for further assistance.

HHCC: Joyce Rockman or Sandy Lanier @ 715-284-9851 or 888-685-4422

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- Farmers and other self-employed parents with family income up to 200% of the FPL
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2011 Monthly Family Income Limits

Group Size	200% FPL	300% FPL
1	\$1,815.00	\$2,722.50
2	\$2,451.67	\$3,677.50
3	\$3,088.33	\$4,632.50
4	\$3,675.00	\$5,587.50
5	\$4,361.67	\$6,542.50

For each additional person, add

\$636.67	\$955.00
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Wahooceeki gra Daycare

Wahooceeki gra Daycare is now accepting enrollment applications for children ages 6 weeks to 16 months!

Wahooceeki gra Daycare is a Hockak language immersion daycare located in Tomah, WI with the sole purpose of preserving our native Hockak language by creating fluent speakers.

We are open Monday through Thursday, 7am to 5pm.

To obtain an application, please contact Wahooceeki gra Daycare at **608-372-5060** or request by email: bonnie.bird@ho-chunk.com
Application Deadline is: **March 25th, 2011**

JOB POSTINGS

Department of Health
& Social Services

**Substance Abuse
Counselor**
(2 positions)

Division:
**Alcohol/Drug
Program**
Locations:
**Three Rivers House
– La Crosse, WI.
House of Wellness –
Baraboo, WI.**
Rate of Pay: DOQ
Submit Application
and Resume to:
**Ho-Chunk Nation
Personnel
Department**
P.O. Box 667
Black River Falls, WI.
54615
Status: Full-time

Ho-Chunk Nation
Law Enforcement Commission

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Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners shall serve a two (2) year term and shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms.

Qualifications

A Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner shall meet the following qualifications:

- A member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- At least twenty-five (25) years of age.
- A resident of the county of representation for at least one (1) year.
- A satisfactory background investigation shall be required. Any felony conviction within the immediately preceding ten (10) years would prohibit any person from serving on the Commission unless waived by the Legislature when the person has demonstrated and shown that his/her prior activities do not pose a threat to the credibility and integrity of the Commission.
- Not an employee of a law enforcement department.
- Not an immediate family member of either the Attorney General or the member attorney from the Department of Justice.

For more information, please see the Law Enforcement Commission Establishment and Organization Act.

Milwaukee youth news

Submitted by
Hazel Guerrero - youth
coordinator and Curtis
Prescott Jr. - teacher

This past January 13, 2011 the Milwaukee Youth & Learning Center joined "The First Nations Reading Circle Book Club", to celebrate the achievements of the area Native students, in reading and school grades. Our Youth Center continues to help transport other area Native students to the book club every Wednesday evening. All the Reading Book Club participants were able to enjoy pizza and drink at Rocky Rococo's. After eating so much that they were ready to black out, the whole crew went to the First Stage Children's Theater in downtown Milwaukee for a special performance of the play called "The Magic Bicycle".

On January 20, the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) held a Bingo night for Diabetes Awareness for all Native youth in the Milwaukee area. SEOTS had great prizes and all of our students learned a great deal!

The following day on January 21, the Youth & Learning Center had an Indian Taco fundraiser which was a great success, due in part to the tasty cuisine. We did receive plenty of support from families of the youth and from members in our community. Mark your oonsgeh's...I mean calendars! We are having another taco fundraiser on Friday March 11, from 11am to 1pm at the Milwaukee Branch Office.

On February 17, SEOTS held the "Youth Leadership in the Milwaukee Native American Community" event. Two of our older youth, Sienna Greengrass & Zack Friedrich,

along with three other Oneida youth discussed various issues involving: Native American identity, motivating role models, mascot issues, alcohol & drug issues, and academic performance. This same night we had two other youth, Kasten Greengrass & Sequia Tender present our Youth & Learning Center report at the monthly Milwaukee Area meeting.

On March 1, we took some of the chillens (Milwaukee talk, translates to children) to the American Indian Women Making a Difference at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. Three hard-working Native women talked about their struggles as they achieved success within their fields. Free food and drink, how could you go wrong?

Although this winter's



weather didn't always cooperate, we have not kept our youth indoors. We have kept them active in outdoor activities such as ice skating at Red Arrow park along Milwaukee's Water Street, snow-shoeing at the Wehr Nature center, ice fishing at the local Milwaukee County Park, but unfortunately haven't been able to find the right time to go sledding.

As for the indoor activity, Lynette Pettibone has been working with our youth on various crafts like the Teepee/Wigwam candle holders. Lynette also has looms to begin

showing our youth how to use them. The teacher of the Center will be showing the boys how to make drumsticks, which means he'll probably have to show the boys how to use them. The students have also been to Home Depot where they were able to make a small shelf.

Activities planned for the future include volunteering at the local soup kitchen, going to two Milwaukee Bucks games since we received 130 free tickets, starting up a face book page for the youth center since most of the parents have their own face book profiles, monthly fundraisers which include eating many Indian taco's, monthly parent meeting on the last Wednesday of the month, gallery night at a local framing shop to showcase our students' artistic talents, and other things we haven't thought up at this time.

Activities from our past include gardening at Kosciuszko park with 1st Nations Studies (formerly WE Indians), making crafts at United Indians, toured Menominee college with 1st Nations Studies, we visited and toured Chicago's downtown and China town, even checked out an authentic Cantonese establishment, way delicious! I believe the best part about being in Chicago was taking a ride on the "El" train and riding what locals refer to as the "loop", even saw where Hollywood was shooting the movie Transformers! We've toured an authentic submarine in Manitowoc and climbed the Cave of the mounds.

Good news this past week! Pat Schulz (Waiskup-sku) returned to teach the students and staff the Hochunk language. She was gone for about a month due to her

health. We're glad she's back! She teaches more than language. Our youth were given a Hochunk spelling bee soon after her return to see what they could remember. Those little ones really know their stuff.

Not any of these events and happenings could be possible without the support of the staff. At the helm is our hardworking and awesome center director Angela Twinn, she does everything she can to make sure we're giving 100 %, she also has an excellent rapport with other Native agencies including SEOTS, First Nations, Charles Ignace medical center, the Native studies programs at UWM, Spotted Eagle High School, United Indians, and Indian Community School. Next in line is our Home School Coordinator Susan Brockhaus, she's the person we all go to when we have a question about anything, she knows everything, just ask her! Next on our team is Curtis Prescott, Jr. (Wacožumaniga), the teacher for the Youth &

Learning Center. He spends his days at various schools throughout Milwaukee tutoring student's in-school and during center hours. Although he has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, for the time being he is very happy working with the youth of Milwaukee. We can't forget about our youth coordinators, they plan all the fun, cool activities and ensure our children get transported safely wherever they need to go. Hazel Guerrero (Hataz' a pi'vga), with her cheerful and understanding self, loves working with our children and said she wouldn't trade it for the world! Clarissa Pettibone (Caaxs- Hinuk) who has transferred from Black River, has brought a burst of energy we all needed and continue to receive every day that she is here. The newest member to our team is Lynette Pettibone, she brings a knowledge and thoughtful ideology the children will remember long past their days here, we are very fortunate to have her!

Monthly Board Meeting for

**Ho-Chunk Housing and Community
Development Agency (HUD)**

Thursday, March 17, 2011 - 6:00 PM

1102 Monowau Street, Tomah WI 54660
(Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue)

Board: Lee Brown Jr., Howard Swallow, Colin Carrimon,
Rachel Winneshiek, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Carson Funmaker,
Lisa Stroessner, Cheri Byhre, and John Dall

Agenda items by noon, March 10, 2011
Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222

HHCA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222 Fax: (608) 374-1251

2011 U.S. INDIGENOUS GAMES LAST CHANCE

To make Team WI for the 2011 US Indigenous Games.



Athletes are needed for the following sport competitions.

Check the box next to the sport you are interested in. You can pick more than one.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Shotgun Shooting | <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Track n Field |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Track n Field | <input type="checkbox"/> Boys TaeKwonDo | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls TaeKwonDo | |

Unless it is specified above, such as 14U, 16U, or 19U, we are looking for youth in all age categories of competition.

You will receive a call from the coach later in March or early April with details about tryouts.

Age Groups: U14, U16, U19

Your age on December 31st, 2011, determines your age category for the 2011 Games.

For more information contact Scott Murray at 920.713.8532 or Lanette Walker at 715.299.6212



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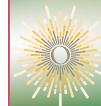
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Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

**For current or former IIM account holders,
Owners of land held in trust or restricted status,
or their heirs**

What is this About?

After 14 years, there is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*. The class action settles claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands.

Who is Included?

The Settlement includes Indians who:

- Had an IIM account anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009,
 - Had an individual interest in trust land as of September 30, 2009, or
- Are heirs to deceased IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status.

What Does the Settlement Provide?

- \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Settlement.
- \$1.9 billion to buy small interests in trust or restricted land to benefit Indian communities.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships for Indian youth.

How Much Money Can I Get?

- Most people included in the Settlement will get at least \$1,500. Others may receive more or less based on the terms of the Settlement.
- If you are currently receiving an IIM account statement you do not have to do anything to get a payment.
- If you are not currently receiving an IIM account statement and you believe you are included in the Settlement, call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

For more information about the Settlement and your legal rights,
(You have until April 20, 2011 to act on some of these rights)

Call: 1-800-961-6109 or Visit: www.IndianTrust.com

The following notification is for the
Ho-Chunk partners of the
Morpheus Investment Partnership

The Partnership announces
the following investment return:

**28.78% total return
for the year ended
December 31, 2010**

Morpheus Investment Partnership
is a privately held investment vehicle.
The Partnership invests solely
in the companies of the
Dow Jones Industrials Index.
The Partnership is not affiliated
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Mid-Winterball 2011

Thorn White Eagle, Cora Redbird, Sasha White Eagle, Skylar White Eagle and Skylar Whitegull attended this year's Mid-Winterball 2011 at St John's Northwestern Military Academy.



Skylar Whitegull

You
all look
great!



Sasha White Eagle



Thorn White Eagle and Cora Redbird

Happy Birthday! March 11th



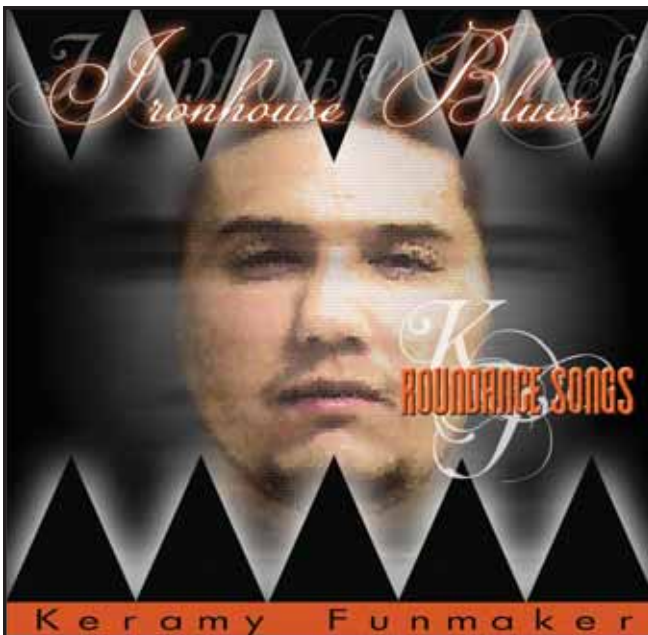
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CONGRATULATIONS!

The Division of Transportation would like to Congratulate Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Employees for completing the National Safety Council's 4 Hour Defensive Driving Course on February 24, 2011. 17 employees completed the training. **Way to Go!!**

The Division of Transportation would also like to Thank and Congratulate all the departments and employees who have participated in the NSC-DDC 4 Hour Course!



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March 4, 2008

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These winter months are always a great reminder of you, time for change and the start of the new seasons...New memories. You are always in my heart Dad and in your grandchildren's hearts also. We live to keep your words and wisdom in our souls, and we're very grateful that we're apart of you... then and now. You are greatly missed. With lots of love.

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Marsha Funmaker

PDUB, the first in the Ho-Chunk Nation

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Brandon Winneshiek is a Ho-Chunk tribal member, combat veteran and athlete that is driven by a desire to serve his country and his Native people. His many accomplishments are hard earned and made possible by his desire to make a difference. With his new recording company, PDUB, he hopes to make other Native American's dreams come true as well.

In November of 2010, Brandon received a small business loan from the Ho-Chunk Nation to start his own recording company, the first of its kind within the Ho-Chunk Nation. The monies granted to him were used to purchase top of the line recording equipment and a 10x20 tent that will be the advertising base of PDUB at events and Pow-Wows across the country.

Brandon's recording equipment and his approach are unique, as he will be able to record in any given place, at any given time. The mobility of his company gives him the opportunity to reach out to a wide variety of talent, and record more singers than being limited to a general location.

His main goal is to help educate singers through the complicated, hard to understand contract process. Brandon has surrounded himself with a dedicated, knowledgeable team of lawyers and advocates. He wants his

clients to feel secure and comfortable with every document they sign. He wants PDUB to be a company that is geared towards the everyday person and offer services that are stress free.

"I want to educate people out there, to help them understand that we (the Ho-Chunk Nation) as a people are so much more than casinos, and smoke shops. That we have so much to offer, so many talented people within our tribe, as well as other Nations. There are so many talented singers and drummers out there that haven't had the opportunity to have their voices recorded. I want to help those people."

"With PDUB I want to also be a talent agency for models, actors and actresses as well as singers other than just traditional music such as rap, hip hop and other genres. I want people to know that my company is a free recording company, all you have to do is stop in."

Brandon is a big supporter of living a healthy lifestyle and through PDUB he hopes to promote his business and a healthy lifestyle by competing in Triathlons. Last year he completed 4 and this year he plans to compete in at least 10. He would like to put together a team of runners, and gain sponsorships through other companies.

His ambition extends to starting a Foundation that would help support veterans and their families, as well as develop a scholarship. "I

want Ho-Chunk youth to know that you can succeed at anything they put their minds to." As a youth Brandon struggled in school and behaviorally, but after finding the military and all it had to offer he turned his life around.

Brandon's success can be attributed to the work ethic he gained through the strict regimented Marine Corp. The values that he learned while serving in the Marine Corp, will stay with him forever and made him the driven person he is today. He served as a combat soldier in Iraq and was honorably discharged after serving his country. In May of 2010, Brandon graduated from Eau Claire Chippewa Valley Tech with a Business Management degree and will graduate in 2011 with a degree in Marketing.

On March 4, 2011 Brandon and his family held an omelet breakfast to promote PDUB as well as a be a fundraiser to help with travel expenses for his upcoming recording sessions with some traditional singers. There was a large turnout, and many of the PDUB t-shirts were sold to tribal members.

His parents, Greg Harrison and Annie Winneshiek are extremely proud of Brandon as is his Ho-Chunk mom Sadie Garvin who stated, "Our entire family is so proud of him. He came back from combat in Ramadi, Iraq, and despite having a hard time adjusting when he first came back, Brandon will now have not only a degree in



Ho-Chunk tribal member, combat veteran, and new recording artist, Brandon Winneshiek.

Business Management, but also a Marketing degree in May of this year, while at the same time, starting his own business. He is/was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corp, and of course, left with an honorable discharge."

PDUB will be available on the web at the end of March at www.PDUB-PRODUCTIONS.com, where you will be able to download and preview music. T-Shirts are now available, and advertising through PDUB will also be available as the company progresses.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg/Nekoosa launch Mobile Text Club

Submitted by Brian D. Decorah,
Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Executive Manager

Effective March 1, Ho-Chunk Gaming in Wittenberg and Nekoosa have been piloting a Mobile Text Messaging program to send special alerts, invitations and incentives to guests that enroll in the program.

"As we continue to adopt and implement industry best practices, we have to monitor guest behavior and preferences," said Brian D. Decorah, Executive Manager of the Nekoosa and Wittenberg casinos. "And our guests' newest behavior is text messaging." Many casinos across country and around the world have already started similar programs.

Texting, which was first used in 1992, commonly refers to the exchange of short messages between cell phones, but has recently become the most widely used data

service in the world. Messages are limited to 115 characters, and use short messages in place of actual words.

After initial launch, employees of the Nekoosa and Wittenberg casinos were invited to enroll in the program to see how it works, and to share the information with their family and friends. It has also been promoted in the monthly mailer, on the casino websites and through Facebook.

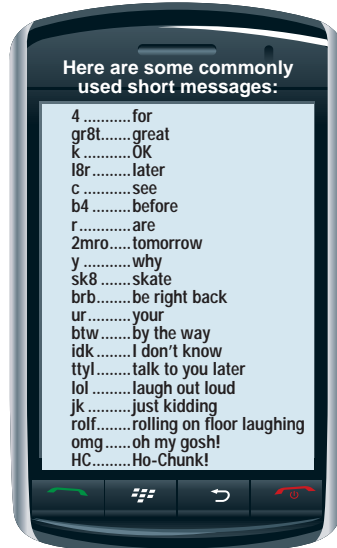
"One of the most important characteristics of the program is that we not become too invasive by sending too many text messages," Brian continued. "So far, we have texted the members even less than promised, just to ensure that we meet the expectation and comfort of our guests."

When someone opts into the club, they are immediately notified that they will receive up to two text messages per week. They are also shown how to opt-out of the club, which can be done anytime by sending the word STOP to 55678. Text messages will then stop immediately. Research shows that 10% of text club members will opt-out after receiving their first text blast, which refers to a message that is sent to all selected recipients in a database of mobile text club.

"In the future, we look forward to offering one-day only incentives and sharing last-minute invitations to special events," said Brian. "Texting may be the most efficient and cost effective way to communicate with our guests for these types of messages, so we are eager to build our database of contacts!"

The current offer is \$10 Rewards Play (free slot play) to anyone that joins and has (or, signs up for) a Rewards Club Card. To receive this offer, text codeword NEKOOSA or WITTENBERG to 55678. Rewards Club Membership is needed to redeem the \$10 Rewards Play. If successful, the program may be adopted by all gaming properties.

The Pew Research Center found in May 2010 that 72% of U.S. adult cell phone users send and receive text messages.



Ho-Chunk members help the fallen

Actions may have saved a man's life

John Kozlowski
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On the cold, winter morning of February 8, Nyree Kedrowski and her 15-year-old son, Joseph willingly played the roles of "Good Samaritans," taking actions that may have saved a man's life.

Nyree and her husband, Nicholas, both work for the Ho-Chunk Nation in Black River Falls. They and their three sons recently moved to Black River Falls but under Wisconsin's Open Enrollment Policy, the boys continue to attend school in the Osseo-Fairchild District, about a 30 minute drive from home. Nicholas explained that each day, a parent takes the boys to Osseo-Fairchild and picks them up. Nyree was taking Joseph and his 12-year-old brother, Jonathon to school when fate intervened.

Shortly after exiting the freeway, Nyree and Joseph noticed a disabled vehicle and next to it, a man lying on the ground, unconscious. Familiar with CPR, Nyree exited her vehicle and began the procedure while Joseph called 911. For five or six minutes, Nyree continued the compressions while Joseph stayed in contact with the dispatcher, answering all the questions and providing a minute-by-minute update on the man's condition.

When the Emergency Medical Technicians arrived, Nyree answered all their questions and continued her journey to school. She later learned that thanks to her and her son's effort the man survived.

Nyree stated that although she was the one who worked on the man, special credit should go to Joseph, for staying calm and the way he acted in what could have been a tragedy. Asked why she stopped to help a complete stranger, Nyree's answer was simple, "It was a human being who needed help."



Joseph and Nyree Kydrowski who helped save a man's life.